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Isneg expressions referring to names and worthy of notice are the following:

***kalóbaṅán***: a name that has the same ending as another one. ***Magkalóbaṅ***: to bear each a name with the same ending. For instance: ***Baláe, Koláe***; ***Éba, Xawawá***; ***Basán, Dawwán***; ***Antóniyo, Asiyo***, etc.

***iṅáṅ*** and ***íbáy***: familiar diminutive names for girls in general. Similar names are: in Iloko, ***íníṅ***; in Ibanag, ***néne-*** (probably from the Spanish ***nene***, "baby, whether boy or girl").

Nicknames, as applied to one particular person, are used very sparingly among the Isneg. I know of only one case: a Lettuakan boy, called ***Asiyo*** and baptized Pedro, is very generally called ***Paláli*** even by his own relatives. ***Paláli*** is the name of a tree, and also of its fruits, which are edible, but very sour.

The Isneg are not very good genealogists. It very often happens that a young man or an adult girl does not even know the name of one or more of their grandparents, especially if the latter died before their grandchild was born. When asked about such names, the Isneg who happens not to know them usually excuses his ignorance by saying: "***Akkáṅko nasiníán*** (I did not see him or her)".

## II. Education

It might be thought at first sight that the Isneg leads a very unhappy and miserable life, a life full of drudgery, a life devoid of all comforts and possessing only a minimum of pleasure. But when you come to consider him more intimately, to enter more deeply into the matter, it does not take long for you to be convinced of the contrary. Indeed, he has very few needs; it is comparatively easy, to quote Jerome K. Jerome in "Three Men in a Boat", for an Isneg "to have enough to eat and enough to wear, and a little more than enough to drink", and he has little work to do. Besides, look at the fine family life he is living: if he has a good diligent wife, and most Isneg women are like that, and plenty of children around, really his bliss exceeds all understanding, I mean the understanding of a Caucasian with his manifold cares and innumerable wants.

Again at first sight, it might seem that the children's education is reduced to the very minimum, or rather that the youngsters get no education at all, as everybody, not excepting the children, seems to shift for himself and to do as he pleases. One would be the more inclined to think so when comparing the Isneg with other primitive